

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
SPELLING BEE



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Dear Spelling Bee Coordinator,

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is proud to once again bring to your students the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program!

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee presented by McKendree University will take place March 10, 2018 (written semi-final bee) and March 17, 2018 (oral final bee). The champion of the oral final bee will represent our area in the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

In addition to improving students' spelling skills and increasing their vocabularies, spelling bee participation provides valuable experience in developing poise — a necessary skill for success in public speaking, performing arts and athletics.

In order for your students to participate in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee presented by McKendree University, **your school must enroll with the Scripps National Spelling Bee at spellingbee.com by the December 15, 2017 deadline. You must also register the winner of your school bee with the Post-Dispatch by February 9, 2018, online at nie.post-dispatch.com/bee.**



When you take advantage of the Early Bird registration through Scripps at spellingbee.com by October 16, 2017, you save money!

Registration gives you exclusive online access to:

- Grade-specific word lists and study sheets for grades 1–8
- Study materials for your school spelling champion
- The *2018 Classroom Pronouncer Guide*
- The *2018 School Pronouncer Guide*
- From Encyclopedia Britannica, a free one-year subscription to Britannica Online for Kids (a \$74.95 value)
- Award certificates
- Key information about your local spelling bee program

We look forward to providing this wonderful opportunity to your students.

Sincerely,

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